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**(54) INFORMATION PROCESSOR AND
 FINGERPRINT AUTHENTICATING METHOD**

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a fingerprint authenticating method and an information processor which can accurately identify a person even if a fingerprint is different from a registered fingerprint owing to a flaw, rough skin, etc., when collated.

SOLUTION: Feature points of the fingerprint are divided into blocks, a block including the flaw, rough skin, etc., is excluded from objects of collation for fingerprint authentication, and the feature points in the areas other than the excluded block are collated.

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